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Arkansas Acreage Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 June Agricultural Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar and in a more detailed report at http://www.nass.usda.gov. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Arkansas Rice Acreage Planted Down 6 Percent from 2014 Corn Acreage Planted Down 7 Percent from 2014 Cotton Acreage Planted Down 28 Percent from 2014 Soybean Acreage Planted Up 2 Percent from 2014

Corn planted area for all purpose is estimated at 500,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from a year ago and down 30,000 acres from March planting intentions.

Cotton planted acres is estimated at 240,000, down 95,000 acres from a year ago but up 10,000 acres from March planting intentions. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acres on record in the state. Farmers have planted an estimated 99 percent of the acreage to genetically modified varieties.

Hay, All expected to be harvested is estimated at 1,055,000 acres, down 170,000 acres from a year ago and down 145,000 acres from March intentions. If realized, this would be the lowest harvested acres since 1995 when the state harvested 1,050,000 acres.

Oats for all purposes planted acres is estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from 2014 and unchanged from March planting intentions.

Rice planted area for all rice for 2015 is estimated at 1.39 million acres, down 95,000 acres from a year ago and down 50,000 acres from March planting intentions. Breakout is 1,150,000 acres on long grain, 240,000 acres on medium grain and 1,000 acres on short grain.

Sorghum planted area is estimated at 500,000 acres, up 330,000 acres from a year ago and up 250,000 acres from March planting intentions. If realized, this would be the highest planted acres since 1986 when the state planted 675,000 acres.

Soybeans planted area is estimated at 3.3 million acres, up 60,000 acres from a year ago but down 150,000 acres from March planting intentions. Farmers have planted an estimated 97 percent of the acreage to genetically modified varieties.

Sweet Potatoes estimated planted area is estimated at 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2014 but up 200 acres from March planting intentions.

Winter Wheat planted acres is estimated at 350,000 acres, down 115,000 acres from a year ago and down 40,000 acres from March plantings. Wheat acres intended to be harvested for grain this year is estimated at 270,000, down 125,000 acres from the 2014 harvest.

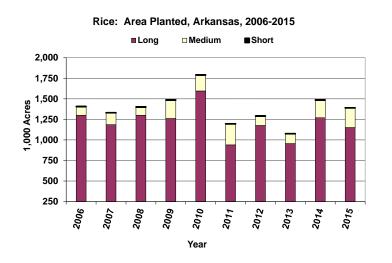
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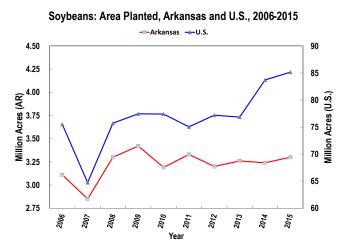
Principal Crops: Area Planted and Harvested, Arkansas and U.S., 2014-2015

Crop	Area Planted			Area Harvested ¹		
	2014	2015	2015 / 2014	2014	2015	2015 / 2014
Arkansas	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	540	500	93	530	470	89
Cotton, Upland ²	335	240	72	330		
Hay, All ³				1,225	1,055	86
Alfalfa ³				5	5	100
Other ³				1,220	1,050	86
Oats	12	12	100	8	7	88
Rice, All	1,486	1,391	94	1,480	1,385	94
Long Grain	1,270	1,150	91	1,265	1,145	91
Medium Grain	215	240	112	214	239	112
Short Grain	1	1	100	1	1	100
Sorghum	170	500	294	165	480	291
Soybeans	3,240	3,300	102	3,210	3,260	102
Sweet Potatoes	4.0	4.0	100	3.9	3.9	100
Wheat, Winter	465	350	75	395	270	68
United States						
Corn	90,597	88,897	98	83,136	81,101	98
Cotton, Upland ²	10,845	8,850	82	9,157	,	
Hay, All ³				57,092	56,539	99
Alfalfa ³				18,445	18,337	99
Other ³				38,647	38,202	99
Oats	2,723	3,064	113	1,029	1,220	119
Peanuts	1,354	1,600	118	1,325	1,565	118
Rice, All	2,939	2,767	94	2,919	2,744	94
Long Grain	2,207	2,073	94	2,192	2,057	94
Medium Grain	696	661	95	691	654	95
Short Grain	36	33	92	36	33	92
Sorghum	7,138	8,840	124	6,401	7,773	121
Soybeans	83,701	85,139	102	83,061	84,449	102
Sugarcane ³ (sugar/seed)	•	•		870.3	892.7	103
Sweet Potatoes	137.3	138.7	101	135.2	136.3	101
Wheat, Winter	42,399	40,620	96	32,304	33,329	103

¹ Intended area for harvest in 2015 as indicated by reports from producers and historic trends.

³ Area harvested only.





² First estimate of area harvested to be released August 12, 2015, in the *Crop Production* report.